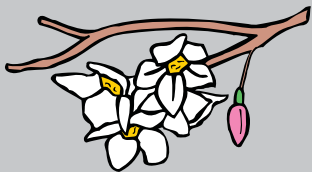


Trillium Charter School is a public school that nurtures each child's inherent curiosity, creativity and connection to community. We support diverse learning styles and use democratic processes to help students grow fully as human beings and contribute to and enhance the world.

# Newsletter

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# Trillium Charter School

LEARNING FOR CHANGE

## Dear Trillium Families

By Stephanie Hinkle, Director

The school this time of year feels like the daffodils and crocuses bursting forth suddenly from soil and mud where moments before there seemed to be nothing. Suddenly the end of the school year is looming, activity is increasing, energy zooms around the school and the city. I was so happy to get a little sun this month. I am ready for more. There are so many things to do in the next few months. We are postponing the talent show for a later date to be announced. We have the All School Project Night at the end of this month, April 30 at 6:30. The next week we have Trillium in Bloom, May 8 and 9, which is changing from its former event of an auction to a showcase and gala. **This week, on the 16th of April, is the Director's Discussion. The topic is "the future of public education and the role of charter schools." It begins at 6:30 pm.**



One of the issues we have been dealing with this month is cyber bullying. Please help your children understand that email, Facebook, MySpace, text messages, etc. are not private. They are very public and can take on a life of their own, past the original intent of the writer. Kids often think they are having a private chat with their best friend. Cyberspace is not private. So, two main points of discussion have been the privacy issue and the content of these activities. Trillium's harassment policy includes written statements, even made during non-school time. We will intervene if we know about harassing and mean statements in the cyber realm. Remind your children that if they are having a problem with someone, they should be having a direct conversation with that person. Parents, you should periodically be checking your child's internet activity. Be a friend on MySpace or Facebook. Get their passwords so you can check. This is especially important from about 5th grade to 9th grade.

The budget numbers a somewhat grim next year. We lost about \$191 per student this year to mid-year budget cuts. We may lose up to an additional \$539 per student this year. That is about an additional \$180,000. We are looking at all kinds of options for next year to keep the school intact and still serve students well. If you feel inspired to help fill the gap somehow, I would encourage you to contact James Hindes. He is the Chair of the Board Fundraising Committee.

On a positive note, students are doing some great work. Seniors are almost done with Senior Projects. I checked in on one this past Saturday. Crystal hosted a pot-luck and clothing give away for people who are homeless or struggling and people in the community. She is hoping to build a grassroots movement for more of these community building and support events. Senior Project Showcase is May 1st. I encourage you to come and see the great things our seniors are doing.

See you around. Have a great spring.

# All School Meeting

Come to the next ASM and get involved in making decisions at your school! All School Meetings begin at 11:00 a.m. on each Friday which there are Issues or Proposals are received.

To have an issue put on the ASM agenda, download the form from the ASM website (follow the All School Meeting link from the main Trillium web page: [www.trilliumcharterschool.org](http://www.trilliumcharterschool.org)), fill it out completely, and return it to the drop box in the common space three days prior to the meeting.

## ASM Agenda

Meeting Date (upcoming meeting in bold)	Who's Bringing	Issue or Proposal	Time Needed	In Favor	Opposed	Passed or failed? (or comments)
<b>04/17/09</b>	Eaan (Kurt)	Polly's service class proposes that we paint the bathrooms a cleaner, darker color and add a chalkboard in the bathroom made of chalk board paint to hopefully stop graffiti. Also we want to put a shelf in there so we can have extra and organized products because our goal is to keep the bathrooms clean. It can be extra toilet paper, extra chalk, extra tampons, extra pads. We also propose to build a divider between the sink and the urinal in the boys bathroom to increase privacy and hygiene. Our class will get donations of paint and supplies. We would like to ask the ASM for \$150.00 from the budget to help pay for the divider.	15 min.			Tabled for further discussion.
04/10/09	Ray and Zach (Ken & Kirk)	The woodworking class would like \$100.00 dollars to help support it's efforts to do projects for the school. Almost ALL supplies are donated but sometimes we do need to buy things that get worn out. Such as Saw blades or sand paper or better quality wood.	15 min.	54	7	Passed
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04/10/09	Scott & Zach (Will & Amy)	Any member of the Trillium Community who is summoned to JC has the right to request a constitutional expert to represent them in their case. There will be a trial period of one case to see how this works and the JC will bring the proposal back in 3-4 weeks with a system to decide who .is a constitutional expert.	15 min.	38	0	Passed
03/20/09	Year Book Staff	We the yearbook committee propose that all students and teachers of Trillium Charter School pay Sliding scale of \$1.00 - \$5.00 each for this year's yearbook.	5 min.	69	5	Passed
03/20/09	Tanner (Will)	The Fighting Team would like to use a loan of 200.00 to register for the Puffy Spring League. Keep in mind without this money we will not be able to play his year. There would be loan from the school and would be paid back by the end of the school year. Tanner will take full responsibility for this loan.	5 min.	68	6	Passed
03/20/09	Keaton (Nick)	The tech group requests \$400.00 to upgrade our existing Linux Servers. This is necessary to run our new software, Ubuntu, which will offer considerable benefit to the whole student body for many years to come.	15 min.	43	4	Passed

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## You're Invited: Trillium In Bloom By Trillium Board of Directors

As you know by now, we're all looking forward to this year's Trillium in Bloom event on May 8 and 9. While the name of the event remains the same, the nature of the event this year will be dramatically different. In short, Trillium staff, TFT members and the Board worked together to reshape the event to be more inclusive of our community and to focus on cultivating the broader community's awareness of Trillium and its programs (rather than focusing primarily on raising funds as a pure auction does). This year's event is also co-sponsored by the TFT and the Board.

**See Page 4 for details**, and keep an eye out for updates via the <http://www.trilliumcharterschool.org> website and flyers at the school.

We hope to see you there, and please be sure to bring family and friends who might also want to learn what Trillium is all about.

## Board News

The Trillium Board of Directors has open seats for the 2009/2010 school year. We are looking for committed individuals that are part of the trillium community (upper school students, parents, and staff) to serve the school and community. If you or anyone you know is interested please contact us at [board@trilliumcharterschool.org](mailto:board@trilliumcharterschool.org).

## All School Meeting Agenda (Continued from Page 2)

Meeting Date (upcoming meeting in <b>bold</b> )	Who's Bringing	Issue or Proposal	Time Needed	In Favor	Opposed	Passed or failed? (or comments)
03/13/09	Scott Batson	Scott would like to present safe routes school project that is happening at Trillium	10 min.			Scott presented
03/13/09	Dawn Liljenquist (parent)	Request for multipurpose room use. I am offering to trade use of the Multipurpose Room in trade for marketing materials/collateral for the Trillium Summer School and camp as discussed with Stephanie. I will use the space mainly on weekends and as long as no other activities are planned. I will work with Arianne to schedule usually at least a week in advance. Also, I will offer a 1-2 week summer school program for upper school students in photography and selling stock photography. This plan is based on fellow Portland photographer friends involvement. Funds raised will go toward the summer school program with a budget (to be determined) for expenses (models, makeup artists, wardrobe, etc)	10 min.	59	5	passed
03/13/09	Khais (Jeremy)	My proposal is that the all school meeting budget will buy 4 paper towel dispensers and 4 cases of paper towels. Each case has 6 rolls of paper with 700 paper towels in each roll. The total amount will be \$358.92. I will go and get these with my parents help if the proposal passes.	10 min.	2	63	dropped
03/13/09	Ivy (Nina)	Amy and Nina's advising want to use the Kitchen and Multipurpose room on Friday, March 20th, in the morning. This is after our sleep over from the night before.	2 min.	47	0	passed
03/13/09	Jenny	Community members choosing to open and save/modify shared computer files shall refrain from swearing/tampering with language or file names of others or otherwise effect files in a way that harms others.	15 min.			dropped



# TRILLIUM *in* BLOOM

2009 Trillium Charter School Community Showcase and Gala

**May 8 & 9, 2009**

**Trillium Charter School**

5420 N Interstate Ave. • Portland, OR 97217

Join us for this year's 2-day Trillium in Bloom event—at Trillium—celebrating what's great about our school! Bring your family and friends—help spread the word about Trillium to the broader community!

**Friday, May 8**

***Trillium Community Showcase—All Ages Welcome***

4:00-9:00 pm

Art Sale • Food Sales

***Program Showcases***

4:00-7:00 pm

Food and Garden Program, Kids for Kenya, Why Not, Language Programs

***Music Program Concert***

7:00pm – 9:00pm

\$5 tickets for ages 13 and over

Under 13: free; must be accompanied by adults

**Saturday, May 9**

***Sustainability Workshops—For Adults***

11:00am-3:00pm:

Wind Turbines, Food Preservation, Composting, etc.

***Art Sale—All Ages***

11:00am-3:00pm:

***Trillium Gala—21 and Over***

7:00-10:00pm:

\$10 tickets

Live Music!

Appetizers • Cash Bar • Raffle • Art Sale



*Trillium's newsletter is produced monthly by parent volunteers Jodie Throckmorton and Susan Millhauser. Submissions to the newsletter are due by the third Monday of the month and can be directed to Jodie. Please contact Jodie at [jodie@trilliumcharterschool.org](mailto:jodie@trilliumcharterschool.org). Photos or other images along with your submissions are also welcome!*

## **Mark These Important Dates On Your Calendar...**

*(All events at Trillium unless otherwise noted)*

### **Spring Flower Sale**

April 6 – 17, 2009

Order forms in the front lobby

### **Director's Discussion**

"The Future of Public Education & Charter Schools"

Thursday, April 16, 6:30 pm

### **2nd/3rd Grade Potluck**

Thursday, April 16, 6:30 – 8:00 pm

Multipurpose Room and Library

### **Board Meeting**

Monday, April 20, 6:00 – 8:30pm

Kirk's Room. All are welcome!

### **TFT Coffee Klatch**

Friday, May 1, 8:00 – 9:30 am

Garden Classroom

### **Senior Project Night**

Friday, May 1, 6:30 – 9:00 pm

### **K-1-2 Camp Out**

May 6 – 8, 2009

Cape Lookout State Park

### **Trillium in Bloom**

**Community Showcase & Gala**

Friday, May 8 & Saturday, May 9

### **TFT Meeting**

Monday, May 11, 6:30 – 8:00 pm

Childcare provided; please, sign up ahead-of-time at the front desk.